

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend paragraph [0001]:

[0001] This invention relates generally to a composition containing total triterpenoid saponins extracted from bamboo, as well as the preparation method and use thereof. These triterpenoids are extracted from bamboo using CO<sub>2</sub> Supercritical Fluid Extraction (SFE) technique. Furthermore, it is a mixture mainly comprising ~~pentacyclic triterpenoids~~ pentacyclic triterpenoids of friedelin, lupenone and their homologous compounds. It can be used in medicines or functional foods for the treatment or prevention of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases and tumor. It is also useful in cosmetics field.

Please amend paragraph [0023]:

[0023] In another preferred embodiment, the total triterpenoid saponins comprise ~~pentacyclic triterpenoids~~ pentacyclic triterpenoids of friedelin, lupenone and their homologous compounds. The total triterpenoid saponins are yellow or yellowish green powders with a melting point of 74-79 degree C. The IR spectrogram performed by potassium bromide shows characteristic absorption peaks in the wave numbers of 2917, 2849, 1716, 1463, 1382 and 720 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The UV spectrogram dissolved by spectroscopic pure CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with a scan ranging from 300 to 700 nm shows a strong absorption in the wavelength of 412 nm, a sub strong absorption in the wavelength of 665 nm and a weak absorption in the wavelengths of 505, 535 and 605 nm.

Please amend paragraph [0050]:

[0050] EZR<sub>2002</sub> was identified as a group of ~~pentacyclic triterpenoids~~ pentacyclic triterpenoids of friedelin, lupenone and their homologous compounds. EZR<sub>2002</sub> was a kind of yellow or yellowish green powder and its melting point was between 74 and 79 degree C. The IR spectrogram of EZR<sub>2002</sub> performed by potassium bromide showed characteristic absorption peaks in the wave-numbers of 2917, 2849, 1716, 1463, 1382 and 720cm<sup>-1</sup> (FIG. 1). The UV spectrogram of EZR<sub>2002</sub> dissolved by spectroscopic pure CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with a scan range from 300 to 700 nm showed a strong absorption in the wavelength of 412 nm, a sub strong absorption in the wavelength of 665 nm and a weak absorption in the wavelength of 505, 535 and 605 nm (FIG. 2).